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If thou would'st read a lesson that will keep Thy heart from fainting, and thy soul from asleep, Go to the woods and hills.—Longfellow.

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least twice a year. The exact date
of his visit will appear in this
paper.

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Has located and is ready for
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FATAL FIGHT WITH PISTOLS.

Granville Messer, Special Constable, Killed while Trying to Arrest
William J. Colley, who Dies with Ten Bullets in His Body.

A Battle Without Parallel in our History.—Both Dead Men Kentuckians
Nineteen Shots Fired, Fifteen of Which Take Effect.—Both Men Shot
After being Mortally Wounded.

Granville Messer, as special
constable attempted to arrest Wm.
J. Colley, the two men engaged
in a desperate fight with pistols
and both were killed.

For about ten years Colley, a
Kentuckian, has lived in this
county. He has had a bad rep-
utation. Has always been plenty
to eat and has never been known to
do any work. He was of a quar-
relsome and overbearing disposi-
tion and was greatly feared and
disliked.

Last week he had an altercation
with Ed. Lange and George Mc-
Comb, two neighbors, about the
possession of a piece of ground.
Colley was armed with a winches-
ter rifle. He suddenly drew it on
Lange and threatened to take his
life.

He was accustomed to over ride
his neighbors in this way and after
due deliberation Lange came to
Buckeye add swore out a warrant
against Colley before Justice Rod-
gers.

Colley in past years has been
an inmate of the county jail on
several occasions but since his last
incarceration he has always calm-
ly declared that he would die be-
fore he would submit to another
arrest.

He always had an idea that
conspiracies were on foot directed
against him.

There was enough in this decla-
ration and in the general charac-
ter of the man to put the officers
on their guard. He had become
such a nuisance in his neighbor-
hood however that it was deemed
time to bring him to book. The
only question was who would bell
the cat.

In discussing this matter at
Marlinton the other day when the
arrest was decided upon, Granville
Messer, a man of great personal
courage, remarked that he would
want no better fun than to arrest
Colley. He was immediately ap-
pointed a special constable for the
purpose.

On Saturday morning, February
7th, he took two assistants, John
May and John Sharp and went to
Colley's house, at the station
known as Dan, seven miles below
Marlinton. Messer owned a house
at the station at present unoccu-
pied which is known as the Pig's
Ear. It is a rough board shanty
where the illicit sale of intoxicants
has been carried on by different
men.

The only other house at that
place is a square log cabin on a
bluff overlooking the railroad
where Colley had squatted.

He had fortified this place by
chinking the cracks, putting heavy
bars on the doors and arranging
 loopholes. He had weapons
enough to supply a squad of men,
and plenty of ammunition.

The officers reconnoitered the
place and decided to draw him
out if possible.

Colley was a man of some edu-
cation and had written contracts
for Messer who was a man of con-
siderable property and illiterate.

Messer went to the house and
called to Colley to come out. Col-
ley evidently suspected that there
was some trick, and refused to let
Messer come in, and would not
leave the house. He came to the
door and Messer explained to
him that he had rented his prop-
erty to John May and wanted a
contract drawn up to that effect
and asked Colley to walk down
to the station where May was.

Colley flatly refused to do this so
Messer told him the nature of the
contract.

Colley said he would write it
and hand it out to him. Messer
went down to the railway and got
May and returned to the house.
Sharp had been posted at the rear
of the building.

Messer and May walked up to
the door and asked for a drink of

water. A woman who was living
with Colley gave them a tin cup
and the two men walked down to
the spring and drank and came
back. Colley met them in the
door and for a third time preven-
ted their entering the house. They
had failed at every attempt to get
inside of the fortified house and
while there was nothing said it
was evident from after events that
both sides were nerving themselves
for a struggle.

A table stood by the door and a
shelf to one side. Under Colley's
left arm hung a Colt revolver with
a bore as big as a shot gun. In
his right trousers pocket was a
bowie knife in a sheath.

Colley took the contract and
proceeded to read it standing in
the doorway holding the paper in
his left hand. The contract which
he had prepared was as follows:

"Memorandum of agreement
between Granville Messer of the
first part and John May of the
second part. Granville Messer
this 7th day of February agrees
to rent to John May a house on
the mouth of Beaver Creek at Dan
in Pocahontas County, W. Va.
Said house for six months at five
dollars a month, payment to be
made each month."

cordance with the facts.

There was some talk of holding
the woman, Mattie Williams to
answer an inquiry of the grand
jury, but it was evident that she
had been armed by Colley, but
with a weapon in her hand had
not attempted to use it.

Granville Messer, the officer,
was a native of Kentucky. He
lived three miles from Marlinton
and leaves a wife and seven
children. He came to this coun-
ty about the time of the Hat-
field-McCoy feud and it is
rumored that he was related
to some of the people of that
feud. He was a very con-
spicuous man, a splendid shot and a
very successful hunter. He was
forty-five years old.

The man Colley bore all the
marks of a fugitive from justice.
He talked and wrote like a man
of education. It is said that he
was college bred. His personal
appearance was quite remarkable.
He was low and heavy set, with
bullet-like head and prominent
nose. He had been a sailor, and
some said that he had been at the
Naval Academy at Annapolis.

On the mantel-piece of his home
was a rude design of a battleship
carved with his knife.

A few years ago he was shot
from ambush while standing in
the door-way of his cabin. A
young man by the name of Millap
was under arrest a long time, ac-
cused with the crime.

Among his effects were found a
number of tools such as house-
breakers use.

It was thought by some that he
had considerable money, but only
the sum of \$1.52 was found on
his person. He was buried at
the expense of the county. He
was 48 years old.

There is a feeling of relief in
the neighborhood in which he liv-
ed as he was apt to get insanely
angry and make threats against
his neighbors near and far. He
was rarely ever seen about public
places and he has not visited Mar-
linton since the railway was built.

The struggle that resulted in
the death of both participants is
peppars without parallel in this
county, and it is hard to imagine
an encounter more desperate in its
nature.

Dunmore Doings.

We had the pleasure of having
two mails last week on account of
the high water. The mail carrier
got in the river and his horse was
carried away on the ice, the car-
rier got out on the same side he
started in on, and the horse and
mail came out on the east side and
saved the mail.

The depot is full of goods and
no wagons can get to it, will we
ever get a bridge.

James N Taylor met up with a
very painful accident last week
while out oon hunting, his sister
cut a tree and the tree slid down
the hill and the but end caught
him against a log and mashed his
leg fine below the knee, he hol-
lowed his leg was broken, and his
sister said there it goes up that
big spruce tree, Jim said catch it
it's a red cone, worth \$25.00.

Jim is in a bad shape.

John William Carpenter has
opened up a barber shop in Cass
and can knock your whiskers off
three weeks under the skin.

Misses Sallie Carpenter is on
the sick list.

Mrs. Margaret Carpenter fell
one night last week and got badly
hurt.

Miss Lillian McElwee will start
back to Lewisburg School this
week.

You will take notice that there
is a switch board in at Dunmore.
Miss Laura Mason operator.

Mr. Daniel R. Taylor and his
lady landed at Dunmore Saturday
and will remain.

The Taylor Brothers will do a
lot of building this summer.

The Snake Den road will be
completed this week and the first
train run Saturday if the road gets
done.

Mr. Pooh.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets
All druggists refund money if it fails
to cure. E. W. Grove's signature on
each box. 25c.

A HAUNTED HOUSE.

I saw this house in other days; it stood on the
Chesterfield side of James River, just across from
Richmond City, and was exactly the house I here de-
scribe. A. L. P.

A certain man built him a house,
Beside a noble River;
And thought that he would live there in peace,
Perhaps, he thought, forever.

Just opposite a city stood,
In marble, brick and tile,
And midway of the Powhatan,
Was many a verdant isle.

A pleasant scene in summer-time,
In winter, also fair,
When white-robed nature walked about,
With snow-drops in her hair.

A storied building 'twas he built,
Mahogany, inside,
And everything to satisfy
Man's comfort or his pride.

You think he was a favored son,
And lived right joyously,
With all around his heart could with,—
But wait,—and you shall see.

A few months, he had grown so lean,
So trembling, weak and pale;
'Twas something in that very house
Made all his powers fail.

Until at length, he left that house
Upon the river-side;
And as he ne'er came back again,
I think he must have died.

Then others came, to "fold their tents
And silent steal away,"
Leaving the mansion lone by night
And lonely thro' the day.

Strange rumors were afloat of ghosts
And apparitions dire,
Of dancing torches in the house,
As if it were on fire.

The doors and windows opened—closed,
Without a human hand;
And ghostly whispers echoed back,
That none could understand.

The evil one possessed that house,
As certain as could be;
And if a man did doubt the fact,—
Just let him go, and see.

Haunted! O, yes, and in this wise,
By pestilential air;
The misty vapors from the James,
Brought chills and fever there.

So it was a deserted house,
Lonely and damp and dank,
A spectral monument of brick,
Upon the river-bank.

Marlinton, W. Va., February, 1903.

A. L. P.

Collins. After some time silent we'll
come again to say we still exist
and things are yet lively in this
part.

Science is accomplishing wonder-
full things, and we are not behind
we hope. We are right on the line of the
daily mail, get our mail prompt
while the rural free delivery ser-
vice is a great advantage to the
people, for it gives mail advan-
tage which is out of the question
when every one was his own mail
carrier. The county is not yet cov-
ered by this service, but is said
the calculations are to complete
the system in the next three years.

Mr. Walter H. Hevner has
gone with his team to his new
farm recently purchased in Green-
brier.

Squire Hevner has gone to
Greenbrier to buy a farm, the
community will loose a good cit-
izen.

Mr. Lanty Moore is teaching a
very interesting school at Collins,
we hope he will remain as a teach-
er in this county.

Childhood is the most impres-
sible period of life, every object
becomes a book, every event
around it plants some winged
seed which will bear appropriate
fruit in after years, delay not
then to plant good seed. The
greater the teacher the more wil-
ling to condescend to the level of
children.

We noticed in last weeks Times
a writer from Collins says there
was not very many out at singing
and come often Professor. It
was a very bad day for singing,
and it was not known, yet a full
crowd for such a day, and good
singing. We highly endorse
any thing that tends to good, and
all good thinking people would.
So we say to any one Professor or
not, come and sing often, we are

not too old to learn, and we ap-
preciate good rather than evil.
Our town was on the war path
last week, we want men and win-
men, who will take the field to com-
mand, we want some one who is
well versed as to command an ar-
my. We noticed in the riot sev-
eral volunteers, people should be
more law abiding.

Mrs. M. Carpenter is in very
feeble health resulting from a fall
she is visiting her sister near Col-
lins. A. T. Carpenter her son
was to see her.

La gripp is a caller in Collins.
Mr. Geo. Bambrick and fam-
ily are residents of Collins.
Hattie and Ray Bambrick are
attending school.

Miss Mattie Beverage was vis-
iting at Durbin.
Mr. Hosterman across the river
had a very sick child last week.
Mr. Jack Cassel's child is very
sick.

We are having lots of rain,
snow and mud, but hope it will
settle down and spring will open
up.

Miss Clyds Knapp, who has
had the fever is mending slowly,
Lee Malcomb is limping from a
horse falling on him.
Angust and Company will finish
sawing staves in two or three
weeks.

H. O. Jackson, is getting along
with his school very well, he has
23 scholars enrolled.

Spruce News.

CAMP NO. 3.

Ed. Hudson our sagacious and
enterprising foreman has about 60
men in his employ, five teams
skidding, the teamsters are Jake
McLaughlin, George Carpenter,
Elliot Carpenter, James Brooks
and Clyde Carpenter as general
manager of the race track parades.

A prize will be awarded to the
champion log skidder, the recep-
tion of the prize is pending be-
tween the Carpenter brothers.

The prize will consist of a magni-
ficent baby carriage.

The Grab drivers are John
Slanker, Elick Butterball, J. B.
Shrader and Jasper Alderman a
famous entergetic and well known
bear hunter.

The next are the road monkeys:
Wise Meeks, Will Shrader and the
invincible Dad Dinkle licensed by
the government of the road mon-
keys trust to manipulate the con-
struction of the road monkey
crew.

Francis Hambrick is our black-
smith.

Joseph Geery still remains our
stake manufacturer.

Hiram Barny is running a 24-
horse power steam laundry, he is
successor to Pennywinkle. The
sun was darkened for two days
with garments circulated in the
air.

James Carpenter a professional
saw filer, patriotic orator and com-
ical entertainer affords amuse-
ment for the whole crew. Jim
with his comical sayings would
drive the blues out of a bag of in-
digo.

Nathan Bliffin a famous pie cat-
er and can goods destroyer has
joined the Chopper's Lodge.

P. S. Dilley, Mack Lockridge
and I. B. Shrader are thinking of
emigrating to Butte City Montan-
a soon.

James Kirkpatrick still remains
our energetic cook. He can not
be excelled on the cookers record.
James will leave for his home in
Rockbridge county Virginia soon
to spend several days visiting
home.

There is four more fine teams
coming to Camp 3 this week.

Sandy Stephenson has returned
from his holiday's visit to his
home in Virginia and visited our
camp Sunday.

Shorty Allman will start a bar-
ber shop and restaurant in the
town of Durbin in the spring.

James Kirk has manufactured a
fine dish called the road monkeys
mixture. He also has road mon-
key cherries.

Good luck to the American log-
gers for a prosperous year.

COMICAL JIM.

Lost, strayed or kidnapped, a
small roadmonkey, about the size
of a man, weight 180 pounds, san-
doly complexion, with red whiskers,
disappeared from the road monkey
navy on January 31, 1903, when
last seen was headed towards
Huntersville, any information
leading to his whereabouts or ap-
prehension will be cheerfully ac-
cepted by the Road Monkeys
Lodge.

The teamster and the road mon-
keys had it round and round, the
teamster put the road monkey
down on the ground.

SNOWBALL BILL.

CAMP NO. 2.

No. 2 Camp is located near the
thriving hamlet of Spruce,
which consists of a store, post
office and a number of magnif-
icent dwellings.

D. J. Tabor foreman has a full
crew of about 75 men. Jud is
herding Arbuckle signatures to
exchange to the Arbuckle Bros.,
for road monkeys and swamper.

Mr. Ed. Hunter is the wood's
superintendent. He has been in
the employ of the West Virginia
Spruce Lumber company for over
two years. He is a faithful enter-
prising woodsman, liked by all.

ROSEBUD JIM.

Personal.
Come at once to our special sale,
dont delay, somebody else may
capture just the things you want—
Pocahontas Bargain House.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following is a list of deeds
recorded during the month of Jan-
uary 1903.

S. R. Hogsett and wife to Allio
J. Yeager and John Gay, timber
on 150 acres of land on Browns
creek; consideration \$1.00.

Sallie J. and S. B. Scott to Allio
J. Yeager interest in 43 acres in
Greenbank district; consideration
\$1.00.

N C McNeil and others to M W
McNeil 194 acres in Edray district;
consideration \$30.

M W McNeil and wife to Claf-
borne Morrison 194 acres in Edray
district; consideration \$300.

Geo W Beverage and wife to
Jno H Beverage 44 acres on waters
of Deer creek; consideration \$50.

Ella A and Benjamin Flesher to
Hulda A Yeager interest in 130
acres in Greenbank district; con-
sideration \$25.

G W Mann and wife to R E L
Doyle 31 acres on Stoney creek;
consideration \$350.

Amos Barlow and wife to Mar-
garet E Lockridge 9 acres on
Knapps creek, known as the Bar-
clay mill property; consideration
\$275.

Elihu A Friel and others to Mar-
garet E Lockridge 250 acres on
Knapps creek; consideration \$500.

O L O and Elmer D Brner to
Elizabeth A. Burner lot in Cass;
consideration \$275.

E A and O O Byrner to Allen E
Burner lot in Cass; consideration
\$140.

Geo R Irvine to Mary and Geo
W McComb 12 acres in Edray dis-
trict; consideration \$125.

Henry L Kessler and wife to
Zachariah and Julia Castle 64 acres
in Greenbank district; considera-
tion \$225.

R M Yeager and wife to Elihu
Hutton and Wirt C Ward timber
on 250 acres of land on Back Alle-
ghany; consideration \$1,500.

Isaac P Boggs and wife to Con-
don Lane Boom & Lumber Co,
right of way through 1,700 acres of
land in Greenbank district; consid-
eration \$1.00

George B Hill and others to H
A Hill interest in 58 acres on
waters of Rush Run; consideration
\$1.00

L B Armstrong to Lucy E Arm-
strong 18 acres on Swago creek;
consideration \$1.00.

C W Beverage to Quintilla M
Apperson land near mouth of
Clover creek; consideration \$1.00.

Patrick Henry and wife to John
Eagle 223 acres on waters of Hills
creek; consideration \$1,000.

C F Eagle and wife to J W M
Eagle land in Levels district; con-
sideration \$1.00.

C P Jones and wife to E M Ar-
bogast 154 acres in Greenbank dis-
trict; consideration \$1.00

E E Wilfong and wife to E M
Arbogast 68 acres on Palseys run
and Little river; consideration \$1.

Wilson W Dilley and wife to
Jacob S Moore 62 acres on Brown's
mountain; consideration \$675.

David Gragg and wife to Henry
W Gragg and wife 9 acres on
Back Alleghany; consideration life
interest.

J P Moorman and wife to trustees
of Liberty Presbyterian church, lot
in town of Greenbank; considera-
tion \$1.

J P Moorman and wife to C A
Lightner, trustee, lot in town of
Greenbank; consideration \$475.